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Dear Mr. Kelley:

Thank you for your letter of January 25, 1977. I hope you do not mind that I will not treat your letter as the final word from the FBI, as you desire. Your letter raises a number of questions.

First, you refer to my FOIPA request to the Department of Justice dated December 8, 1976, and seem to state that you have no records relevant to that request 'other than the material The National Archives has already released to you.' If you have such material, I would like copies of it, regardless of whether you believe I already have copies of similar documents from the Archives. Since you seem to be aware of just what records the FBI has relevant to my request, I imagine it would not be difficult to locate them and copy them for me. I am willing to pay copying costs.

Second, as you know, my December 8 request was merely a reminder that my original request of September 7, 1976, had not been answered as of that date. Our correspondence relating to that original request goes back several months, to your letter dated September 30, 1976. In your letter dated November 5, 1976, you informed me that there was a considerable backlog of requests at the FBI, and that mine had been numbered as 27,441. Your most recent letter makes no mention of this number or of my original request. Thus, I wish to know if I am to construe your letter of January 25, 1977 as the response to my request No. 27,441.

Third, your letter contains no details as to what files or indexes were searched in complying with my request. I would like to know this information so that I may be assured that a thorough, complete search was made.

Finally, your letter states that the autopsy photographs and X rays "are available at the National Archives Building." As you know, I have never requested those photographic materials, merely records relating to them. However, they are not "available" to me at the Archives, because the current restrictions on them prohibit my access. One of my purposes in instituting this FOIA request is to learn how those restrictions came to be.

Sincerely,

Howard Roffman